## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, from lines 7-10, with the following:

This invention is related to the inventor's application for "Method for Tag Growth Using Run Length Encoded Data", which has been assigned to the assignee of this invention, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cs8.">Application Number 10/607.6s8.</a>, which has been filed June 27, 2003[the same date as this application], and which is incorporated herein by reference.